

Friday Night Fax

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Unified State Plan Update

The ICCSV's Resource Development Committee and staff continue to make progress on the creation of performance indicators for Indiana's Unified State Plan for Service (USP). The tool will allow the ICCSV to measure the impact of the state's three-year strategic plan in areas such as literacy, intergenerational development, service-learning, and volunteer recruitment. Recently, the staff began devising a strategy to host seven regional summits across the state, which will begin in August of this year. The purpose of the summits is to provide communities and community leaders with resources and information as well as the opportunity to establish local unified plans for service. If you would like to know more about Indiana's USP, please contact Mr. Carey Craig, Senior Program Officer, at (317) 233-0901 or by e-mail at ccraig@dwd.state.in.us. The public can access the Plan at www.IN.gov/iccsv.

AmeriCorps Enrollment Pause

Recently, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) informed the ICCSV that it would begin the process of lifting the pause on enrollment in AmeriCorps programs. In November 2002, the CNCS notified state commissions that it was halting enrollment in AmeriCorps programs in order to obtain an accurate count of enrolled Members and committed program slots. This was the first time in the history of AmeriCorps that the CNCS asked programs to temporarily stop their enrollment of new Members. The CNCS took these steps to rectify an accounting error in the National Trust, which houses the funds for Members' education awards. Stay tuned for more information.

ICCSV Welcomes Kathleen Claussen

Kathleen Claussen, a freshman at Indiana University in Bloomington, recently joined the ICCSV team as a student intern. Kathleen will assist in the planning and implementation of seven regional summits throughout the state. In addition, she will offer her insights to the Commission on ways to sustain the Indiana Youth Commission on Service and Volunteerism. A resident of Allentown, Pennsylvania, Kathleen is the founder of Teens Taking Action to Power Solutions, a youth leadership organization. Welcome Kathleen!

ICCSV Staff Retreat

The ICCSV team is pleased to report the very positive results of the 2003 ICCSV Staff Retreat. The team convened at the Garrison Inn at Fort Harrison and was fortunate to have the support of Mark Hollman and John Mahoney of the Lifelong Learning Institute to facilitate discussion. It was a great opportunity to reflect on the positive and develop strategies for even better outcomes. We expect you'll notice a few of the changes, including program site visits in future months. The ICCSV team will also be working to coordinate the update and completion of the Policies and Procedures for the office operations and a firmer approach to managing the many deadlines and meetings that are a big part of national service. We hope you enjoy the result of the team's efforts!

Plans for the 2003 Summer Retreat

Representatives from the following Associations and National Service Programs are working on the **coordination and planning for the 2003 Summer Retreat**: the Indiana AmeriCorps Directors Association (IADA), the Retired Senior and Volunteer Program (RSVP) Association, Foster Grandparents Program, VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America), Senior Companion Program, and the Corporation for National and Community Service State Office and the ICCSV. The event will welcome national service participants from across the state to come together in celebration of a year of great accomplishments. **The event will be held at the Downtown Westin in Indianapolis on Wednesday, June 25th through the afternoon of Friday, June 27th.** There will be training on the performance measures, sustainability, volunteer generation, Life After National Service, and much more! Check out future issues of the Friday Night Fax for more information on this upcoming event!

The Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism challenges the people of Indiana to strengthen their communities through service and volunteerism. We identify and mobilize resources, promote an ethic of service, and develop in communities the capacity to solve problems and improve the quality of life for all individuals and families.

New Addition to the ICCSV Family

The ICCSV team, and especially Brandy, are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Elishah Asher. Ethan's new sister Elishah was born on Wednesday, February 12th around 3:00 p.m. She weighed in at 7 lbs. 3 oz and a length of 19.5 inches. We wish Brandy and her family the very best and look forward to Brandy's return on March 26th.

Citizen Corps Grants Awarded

The Citizen Corps Council for the State of Indiana completed the grant review process for the Citizen Corps Council grants. The review was completed with representatives from the Counter-Terrorism and Security Council, the ICCSV and the Department of Workforce Development. Letters announcing the applicants to receive funding will be sent on Friday, March 7th. Check out the ICCSV website for more information on Citizen Corps in Indiana and to see who will receive funding – www.IN.gov/iccsv

2nd Annual Student Service Learning Conference

Indiana Campus Compact will be hosting the 2nd Annual Student Service Learning Conference on April 11, 2003 from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm at the Ball State University Student Center. Students, Faculty, Higher Education Staff, and Community Partners are invited to attend. Presentation and poster session proposals were due February 14th, and the conference registration deadline is March 21st. For more information on the event, please visit the Indiana Campus Compact website at <http://www.indianacampuscompact.org/>.

ASC Youth Commission Retreat

"On the weekend of February 14th to 18th, Youth Commissioners from 20 states got together for our annual training and orientation retreat, where we bring new Commissioners into the mix of the national scene, and we also train each other on the best practices from our home states. As you might imagine, the weekend focused on AmeriCorps problems, and how they affected our commissions. Additionally, we discussed administration changes in 22 states, the prospect of community mapping in our states, and general issues that pertain to Youth Commissioners across the country. We did get stuck in the snow, but it turned out to be a blessing, as we got a lot of needed work done on our evolving paper, the Call to Action. This paper, developed in 2001, is a challenge to state commissions to engage youth commissioners in service, and to engage youth in general in service to their states. If you would like more information about the Youth Commissioner National Network, or the Call to Action, please contact me: wgrover@butler.edu, or visit www.asc-online.org, and see the Resource Library for the paper." – William Grover, Youth Commissioner

It's All About Community

What do a college issues forum, tutoring students, Join Hands Day and the Indiana 2016 booth at the Indiana State Fair have in common? While the activities are very different, each one is possible because of the participation of ICCSV partners in service. Service partners have embraced the foundational idea behind Indiana 2016—that by doing things together we become a community. As a result, a web of connectivity is weaving around the state. To see what others are doing to build community, don't miss the debut of *Communities Building Community*, hosted by Judy O'Bannon, on WFYI Thursday evening, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. Check your local listings for air times outside the WFYI viewing area.

Member Reflection on the Winter Retreat

"Often times, we see volunteerism as an activity one does when one can find the time; an activity done at the convenience of the volunteer rather than at the demand of a superior. This is not the case. When one volunteers, one gives of ones self to a cause; a belief worth defending. Volunteering is very rewarding, but the rewards come with a heavy price of exhaustion and burnout. Volunteers need time away from their work, not just to relax, but also to reflect on what their engagement means to society. The February AmeriCorps retreat in Bloomington gave me the chance to consider the impact of my work and helped me remember the reason I began volunteering." -Adam Lippert, AmeriCorps Member-Indiana Reading Corps

Tip O'the Month

(In honor of the many contributions of Irish-Americans.)

The Internet Nonprofit Center publishes the Nonprofit FAQ, a resource of information provided by participants in many online discussions about nonprofits and their work. For more information, take a look at their web site - www.nonprofits.org.

ICCSV Board Has Successful Meeting in February

The ICCSV Board of Commissioners met on February 13, 2003 at the SPEA building on the IUPUI campus. Election of officers was held and the officers for 2003 are: Chair - Lynn Coleman, South Bend, Vice-Chair - James Perry, Bloomington, Secretary - Finis Springer, Gary, Parliamentarian - Jill Warren, Indianapolis. Kathleen Claussen and Sabina Manafova were guests at the meeting. Kathleen is a freshman at IU and will be serving as an intern to the ICCSV to work on the USP. Sabina is a student visiting from Azerbaijan to study non-profits in the U.S. This was the first meeting conducted under the revised format, using a consensus agenda. The Commissioners evaluated the meeting at the conclusion and the overwhelming majority prefer the "new and improved" meeting format. There is a Program Development Committee conference call scheduled for March 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The dial-in # is (317) 233-3550.

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Important Deadlines and Upcoming Events

ICCSV Board of Commissioners Meeting	April 10, 2003
AmeriCorps Summer Celebration	June 25-27, 2003

Available Now! *Indiana Volunteers License Plates (for front of vehicle) are available for purchase. For more information, please contact Brandy Wood at the ICCSV at iccsv@state.in.us.*

Reminder! *Please send us your personal accounts for the reflection portion of the Friday Night Fax! We want to share your stories with other participants across the state!*